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SUBJECT: MODIFICATION OF ECONOMIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

REF : A. STATE 097482

1. IN VIEW OF THE CLEAR NEED THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES MUST SHARE FOR MORE INTERPRETIVE REPORTING, I AM SURPRISED THAT A QUESTION MIGHT ARISE ANYWHERE IN WASHINGTON ON MY DECISION TO ELIMINATE SOME CUMBERSOME AND TIME-CONSUMING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDE THE SAME INFORMATION IN TIMELY MANNER WITH LESS EFFORT, AND THUS FREE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PRIORITY WORK. I REALIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST ATTEMPT TO SATISFY THE BUREAUCRATIC, AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIVE, APPETITE OF MANY AGENCIES, AND I AM GLAD TO HAVE THE INSIGHT THOUGHTFULLY PRESENTED IN REFTEL.

2. I HAVE USED THE REFTEL TO REVIEW ONCE MORE THE DEMANDS IMPOSED BY THE CERP ON OUR TIME AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S SECURING AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS WHICH I AM EXPLAINING BY SEPTTEL FOR OTHER AGENCIES:

(A) CERP 0101 - NATIONAL INCOME AND PRODUCT ACCOUNTS. DELETE.

B. CERP 0004 - ECONOMIC TRENDS. WITH SLIGHT CHANGE IN SCHEDULE, I ACCEPT DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS PARA 2 (B) REFTEL, EXCEPT PLEASE CORRECT REPORTING SCHEDULE TO REFLECT THAT CERP 0006 - TRADE OUTLOOK ARTICLE PREVIOUSLY DELETED. AS

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NOTED IN INSPECTORS' REPORT, THIS ARTICLE BEING WRITTEN IN

COMMERCE ON BASIS MISSION REPORTING.

C) CERP 1216 - BEST PROSPECTS. SUBSTITUTE WITH EQUIVALENT INFORMATION IN CERP 0004 AND ALERT REPORTING. GIVEN THE PREOCCUPATION EXPRESSED REFTEL, I HAVE RECONSIDERED THIS REQUIREMENT WITH PARTICULAR CARE. I CONCLUDE THAT I CANNOT CONSUME, CONSERVATIVELY, 35 FSO AND FSL PROFESSIONAL WORK-DAYS FOR THE SAKE OF SOMEONE'S MATRIX WHEN THE SAME GENERAL INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED, WITH LESS EFFORT, IN OTHER REPORTING.

OUR BEST PROSPECTS REPORTS IN PREVIOUS TWO YEARS WERE THOROUGH AND EVEN COMMENDED. HOWEVER, AS A TOOL FOR SECURING TRADE PROMOTION RESOURCES THEY HAD LITTLY UTILITY. IN FY 76 AND FY 77 NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED FOR COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS IN YUGOSLAVIA, OTHER TRADE PROMOTION EVENTS HAVE BEEN FEW, AND NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON JUSTIFICATION IN OUR CCP FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. I SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT DRAW ON EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR DELETION OF BEST PROSPECTS REPORT CONTAINED IN SEPTTEL. IF OTHER POSTS, AS REFTEL NOTES, FIND THIS REQUIREMENT ONEROUS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD SEEK HAVE IT DELETED OR MODIFIED THROUGHOUT WORLD.

3. WILL REPLY SEPTTEL TO STATE 6126 ON CCP VS. CAP.
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